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CHAPTER 294

AN ACT to create 95.80 of the statutes, relating to humane methods of slaughter, and providing a penalty.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 95.80 of the statutes is created to read:

95.80 HUMANE SLAUGHTERING. (1) *Definitions.* As used in this section:

(a) "Slaughterer" means any person operating a slaughterhouse licensed under s. 146.11.

(b) "Livestock" means cattle, horses, swine, sheep, goats and other species of animals susceptible of use in the production of meat and meat products.

(c) "Humane method" means:

1. Any method of slaughtering livestock which normally causes animals to be rendered insensible to pain by a single blow or shot of a mechanical instrument or by electrical, chemical or other means that is rapid and effective, before being shackled, hoisted, thrown, cast, or cut; or

2. The method of slaughtering, including handling and other preparation for slaughtering, required by or used in connection with the ritual of any religious faith, whereby the animal suffers loss of consciousness by anemia of the brain caused by the simultaneous and instantaneous severance of the carotid arteries with a sharp instrument.

(2) *Prohibition.* No slaughterer may slaughter livestock except by a humane method.

(3) *Penalty.* Any slaughterer who by act or failure to act violates sub. (2) shall be fined not more than \$100.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 1960.

Approved August 11, 1959.